

Resolution No.: 15-1208  
Introduced: October 18, 2005  
Adopted: November 1, 2005

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: Council President Perez

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**SUBJECT:** Special Appropriation to the FY06 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Department of Recreation  
Blair Sports Academy; \$168,260 (Source of Funds: General Fund Reserves)

**Background**

1. Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that a special appropriation: a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release; b) must state that the special appropriation is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency or to act without delay in the public interest; c) must specify the revenues necessary to finance it; and d) must be approved by no fewer than six members of the Council.
2. The County Council is interested in finding effective ways of providing academic support to youth who are having problems achieving in school and preventing youth violence and gang activity. The Council has asked for input from community and non-profit partners regarding effective prevention programs.
3. In Spring 2005 a partnership of parents, community organizations, government and school personnel piloted the Blair Sports Academy for 10 weeks. This Sports Academy provided academic support and supervised activities for students, including those who were academically ineligible for school-sponsored sports or after-school clubs. During the 10 weeks, 389 students participated, over 50% were ESOL students, police reported a decrease in after-school fights and calls for service in the surrounding area, and academic support was provided and sustained for students with a grade point average of 2.0 or below.
4. At the Latino Youth Speakout held at the County Council Office Building, community members and specifically youth participants requested that funds be provided so that the Blair Sports Academy can operate during the 2005-2006 school year.
5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

**Action**

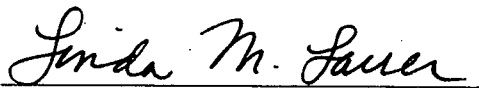
The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following action:

A special appropriation to the FY06 Operating Budget of the Department of Recreation is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$136,390	\$31,870	\$0	\$168,260	General Fund Reserves

A special appropriation is necessary to act without delay as it is in the public interest to provide this program that is expected to improve academic achievement and prevent youth violence and gang activity.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council